



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3964**
Takehiko KITAMORI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004_1163A
Serial No. 10/502,256 : Group Art Unit 1641
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated May 15, 2006, and further to the after final response filed April 10, 2006, the period for response having been extended for two months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), requesting entry of the amendments in the after final response, hereby accompanies this response.

**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES
FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 23-0975**